

Around the island ²⁰⁰⁵

Hawaii Marine writers report on Oahu's offerings

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In an effort to introduce Marines, Sailors, family members, and others to Hawaii's rich culture, tropical landscapes, and every-day happenings, Hawaii Marine's writers made weekly treks to locations near and far in order to bring back a firsthand account, complete with photographs, of their experience, which they shared with readers in the hopes that it would encourage participation in the countless adventures offered throughout this "Island Paradise."

As part of the 2005 Year in Review, Hawaii Marine will take you on an abbreviated photographic journey back to some of the locations our correspondents took you to and revisit the events that were featured in last year's "Lifestyles."

The yearly trek began with our correspondents traveling to a nearly 100-year-old lighthouse, followed by a 14,000 jump out of an airplane where we saw our correspondent drift effortlessly and safely to the ground, supported by a silken rainbow-colored parachute.

Next stop was downtown Honolulu to a historical landmark, Aloha Tower, where visitors can take an elevator to the 10th floor to get a bird's-eye view of Honolulu Harbor, Waianae Mountain Range and Diamond Head Crater. Surrounding the tower is a marketplace, filled with as many as 60 shops and 20 eateries. Next door is the fully restored world's only surviving four-masted, fully rigged ship, The Falls of Clyde.

Continuing coverage of downtown Honolulu, we take a look at the sights and sounds of Chinatown's Chinese New Year festivities, witnessing the ushering out the Year of the Monkey, by the Rooster on Feb. 9, 2005. Then, over at Koko Crater, an energetic writer took the 1,200-plus-foot climb in order to

Inset — A meercat stands up to gaze at curious visitors to the Honolulu Zoo during Military Appreciation Day, June 4, 2005.

Far Right — Cpl. Nicholas Blanchard, field operations noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Installation Personnel Administration Center, looks through a stack of pictures painted by Poor Lydia, one of many artists who showcase their work at the Honolulu Zoo fence every weekend.

Right — 2004 World Fireknife Dance Champion Alexander Lefolasa Galeai, who works at the Polynesian Cultural Center as a musician-drummer and back-up fireknife dancer, started at age 5 to learn the exciting dance from his father — Pulefano Galeai, a famous dancer in his youth who originated the PCC's World Fireknife Dance Competition 12 years ago.

entice readers into taking on the challenge of climbing this lofty peak.

Not wanting to leave out Hawaii's surfing community, still another correspondent drove to the North Shore where he introduced Hawaii Marine readers to a small, but productive, town there — Haleiwa — and its Rainbow Bridge, jet ski rentals and surf shops.

The following week, another correspondent took a closer look at the beaches, covering the adventures of boogie boarders and surfers at Waimea Bay Beach Park in order, once again, to entice readers to indulge in fun in the surf and turf.

In the next week's edition, another of our correspondents took to the air, once again, this time floating on a burst of air at the Lifted Entertainment's Vertical Wind Tunnel, located at the Dillingham Airfield in Mokuleia. And, coming down from the clouds, correspondents next visited the outer perimeter of the Honolulu Zoo where they discovered "fence art." Ongoing for some 50 years, local artists come to this area to display and sell their art. Here passers-by can choose from primitive Hawaiian paintings to scrimshaw, the art of etching designs on whale teeth or ivory.

Though not as famous as their Waikiki counterparts, the hardworking "Beach Boys" of K-Bay patrol the beaches of MCB Hawaii. A Hawaii Marine correspondent takes a look at the job of the base lifeguards who are responsible for safety and security of the base's beaches. After a dip in the ocean, correspondents were off to the Pali where they were "blown away" by the magnificent view as well as its strong winds.

Turning toward a more serene environment, our writer took you to the Byodo-

In Temple in the Valley of Temples where nondiscrimination and equality is an every-day style of life, while yet another introduced you to the Hawaii State Art Museum where readers got a glimpse at an eclectic assortment of art that captures the essence of Hawaii's social and historical background.

Next up was a trip to another historical site, Kualoa Ranch, where correspondents hopped aboard four-wheeled, all terrain vehicles and took a one-hour spin through Kaaawa Valley, where they took in the sights of the movie set for Jurassic Park and on through to a replica of an centuries-old Hawaiian village. Open to the public since the mid-1980s, Kualoa Ranch offers visitors a variety of transports through

the woodland and jungle paradise. Although horseback riding is one of its oldest means of traveling throughout the ranch, Kualoa also offers ATV rides as well as a six-wheeled jungle expedition. Other excursions offered are kayak tours to Secret Island and a visit to its rifle range.

Traveling on down past the ranch, correspondents happened upon the Polynesian Cultural Center where they were engulfed in a mystical wonderland of the diverse cultures of the Polynesian Islands. Located near the town of Laie on the North Shore of Oahu, the center presents the history, sights, sounds and food of

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Lance Cpl. Robert L. Nelson



Photo Courtesy of Polynesian Cultural Center



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner



Since 1909, the Makapuu Point Lighthouse on the east side of Oahu has helped bring many ocean vessels home safely.

Staff Sgt. Ronna M. Weyland



Kristin Herrick

Above — The first step invites hikers up Koko Crater in southeast Oahu. By the time hikers reach the top, they will have climbed approximately 1,106 steps.

Right — Mike Squires, general manager, shows off his skill in riding on the air in the vertical wind tunnel. The tunnel is Oahu's only sky diving simulation device and although Squires makes it look easy, it takes years of practice to master some of the challenging flips and turns.



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

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the islands of Tonga, Fiji, Tahiti, Samoa, Aotearoa, Marquesas and Hawaii. For those of our readers who wanted to know where to get into the water to enjoy the thrill of the rapids, a trip to Hawaii Water Sports fit that bill. Situated in the Koko Marina Shopping Center, participants enjoyed a full day of swimming, diving, parasailing, sailing, skiing; wakeboarding, surfing, Jet Skiing, and a group ride on an inflated banana. Heading back toward town, we join our

correspondents as they walk down seemingly endless rows of vendors at the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet. Further on down and in the city of Honolulu, correspondents take readers on a trip to Honolulu Zoo and over to Diamond Head where they take in the aesthetics of Doris Duke's Shangri La. With the thirst for sights and sounds quenched, readers are then introduced to some hands-on entertainment as correspondents take them on a miniature golf excursion to different courses around the island. If golf wasn't an intense enough experience, then you might have enjoyed the trip a

correspondent took you on up the three peaks of the Olomana Trail — just one of Oahu's 80 trails. Our writer suggested that beginners try the Old Pali Road trail, while those more experienced in hiking and mountain climbing seek out the Puu Manamana, near Kahana Valley; Kamiloiki Valley Loop that winds through the Koolau Mountains; or the Puu Kalena trail that offers views of Waianae, Wahiawa and North Shore. After our readers have had time to catch their breath, correspondents are again off to

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Possibilities in Paradise

Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill 254-7660/7661

Hot Country Nights — Are you ready for some live country music? Then you must be ready for Dita Holifield & Red Handed. This band will perform some of the most popular country tunes beginning at 8 p.m. Bring your dance partner and your favorite Western wear.

Football at Kahuna's — Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill is now open on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy breakfast, pupus or entrée selections. Play National Trivia Network's QB1, and try to guess the next play. Bring your friends and foes for a day of gracious rivalry. Watch Sunday playoff games on Kahuna's huge plasma screen TV and enjoy DirecTV NFL Sunday Ticket.

Staff NCO Club 254-5481

Texas Hold 'em — Whether you're holding a straight, a flush or a full house, it's anybody's game until the very end. Come watch or play Texas Hold 'em, Saturday, starting at 6 p.m. Members play for \$5 while nonmembers can do so for \$8. Are you a little rusty at dealing? Then this is the perfect chance to practice as we're always looking for dealers.

Bosses' Night — Bosses' Night has moved from Friday to Tuesday, so now neither you nor your commander have an excuse not to come on out on Tuesday. Invite your boss to our Rocker Room at the Staff NCO Club for an evening of camaraderie, conversation and refreshments. The event takes place from 5 to 7 p.m., so be sure to mark your calendar, and invite your boss today!

Officers' Club 254-7650/7649

First Friday Nights at The Officers' Club — Tonight is the one evening every month during which you can introduce The Club's food and atmosphere to your special guests. As the name implies, the first Friday night of every month, guests will enjoy pupus at 4:30 p.m., music from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m., and drink specials all evening long. To invite friends to take advantage of this monthly offering, simply drop by the club and request cards.

It's the best way to invite them to come out to K-Bay and enjoy the top-tier club amenities in your company.

Pasta Lunch Buffet — If you love pasta, this is your meal. Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., drop by The Officers' Cub for a pasta lunch buffet. Simply choose your pasta, sauce and toppings and chefs will cook it. And, if you miss it on Tuesday, we offer a repeat culinary performance on Thursday at the same times as well.

Seafood Buffet — Enjoy this once-a-month treat. Come down to the club Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. for a buffet that features seafood selections. Menu items include snow crab legs, carved black Angus prime rib, peel 'n' eat shrimp, south of the border ahi poke, and much more. Members pay \$23.50 and non-members pay \$26.95.

All Hands Hawaii Heroes Special — The Polynesian Cultural Center salutes the military. Drop by Information, Tickets and Tours at Mokapu Mall or Camp Smith to take advantage of this month-long program. With the purchase of one Polynesian Cultural Center ticket, active duty military personnel may visit for free on a ticket of equal of lesser value. This includes all packages up through the Luau level. For more information, call I.T.T. at 254-7563 or 477- 5143 at Camp Smith.

Transition Assistance Program — Service members separating from the military within the next six months are required to attend this briefing, and spouses are also highly encouraged to attend. The sessions will take place in Building 279, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. For more information, call 257-7790.

Parenting Proudly — Become

a professional at being a parent — the most important job in your life. Sign up for this six-week class for parents of children 2 to 12. This parenting class focuses on discipline, child development and other parenting issues. The class will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Marine & Family Services Conference Room. Childcare is reimbursable upon request. To register, call 257-8803.

FBI Recruitment Brief — Looking to find a career in law enforcement? Do you have foreign-language skills? If so, you may be interested in a position as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This workshop provides an overall review of the FBI agency and expectations, including: age requirements, pay and promotions, career assignments, drug policies, minimum qualifications, testing requirements, physical training, medical reviews and the application process. The presentation takes place Monday in Building 267, Room 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, call 257-7790.

Sponsorship Training — This class is mandatory for all personnel assigned as sponsors for inbound service members. It provides a complete outline of sponsor's duties. For more information on Thursday's class, call the Relocation Assistance Program at 257-7790.

PCS Move Workshop — This program, scheduled for Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., is designed to give single and married service members, and their families, information, resources and tools needed to plan their permanent change of station move. Presentations will include information from Transportation Management Office, Housing, Temporary Lodging Assistance, Finance Office, Personal Financial Counselor, Exceptional Family Member Program and Tricare. The workshop also includes Relocation and Anti-terrorism, Level 1, briefs. Service members do not need to

have orders in hand to attend, but registration is necessary. Attendance is mandatory for active duty Marine Corps personnel per Marine Corps Order 1320.11E. For more details, call 257-7790. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Photo Exhibit at the Base Library — Catch this special display in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This exhibit features historical photographs, narrative text and quotes from leaders and the key figures from the Civil Rights Movement, including Martin Luther King Jr., and provides a thematic overview and description of events from 1955 through 1968. This mid-size exhibit is available through the Humanities Presentations Center of the Hawaii Committee for the Humanities.

Ongoing

Swing and Salsa Lessons — If you consider yourself rhythm impaired, then these classes may be for you. Drop by Kahuna's Community Ballroom, and, for just \$2, you can learn the basics of these fast-paced dances. Mondays feature swing classes while Tuesdays switch to salsa instruction. For more information, call 254-7660.

Exceptional Family Member Program Special Needs Information and Support Network — The EFMP ensures that the needs of the exceptional family member; including physical, emotional, developmental and medical components are taken into consideration during the change of assignment process. This three-day support group meeting begins the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Lifestyles Insights, Networking, Knowledge & Skills house in Building 3074. Childcare is provided free of charge. For more details, call 257-7783.

Troops to Teachers — Are you in the process of transitioning from active duty? Have you ever consid-

ered becoming a teacher? The skills that you have gained throughout your military career have prepared you for a second career in education. Acquire valuable information about the Troops to Teachers Program and the teaching profession at the Joint Education Center, Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. For further information, call 587-5580 extension 409 or e-mail hawaiiitt@notes.k12.hi.us.

ProBowl Tickets at K-Bay ITT — Looking to go to the ProBowl in February? Come to the Information, Tickets and Tours office at Mokapu Mall to get your tickets for the game. The supply is limited and tickets are only available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seating charts will be available, so come prepared to choose your location. Tickets are \$103 for sideline seats and \$38 in the end zone. The ProBowl takes place Feb. 12 at Aloha Stadium. For more information, call 254-7563.

Safety Inspections Available at the Auto Skills Center — Wondering where to go for that safety inspection required for your vehicle registration? Look no further than the Auto Skills Center's certified personnel. This service is available Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. or until openings are filled. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 254-7675.

Tour of the Island — For those new to Hawaii and Oahu, this is your opportunity to leave the driving to someone else and be a sight-seer. Take a narrated tour of Oahu, available the second Friday of every month, and see the most popular points of interest. This free, daylong tour will take you around the island, beginning and ending at Marine and Family Services, Building 216. Remember to bring lunch and sun protection. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 257-7790 to reserve your seat.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Friday and Saturday 7:15 p.m. shows are \$3 for adults; \$1.50 for children. Sunday matinee, 2 p.m., shows are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Evening showings on Sunday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and late shows Friday and Saturday at 9:45 p.m. are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines adults as patrons ages 12 and older, and children as patrons 6 to 11. There is no charge for children 5 and younger. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons. In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with picture-taking capability, magnetometer wand, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening. Items will be returned after screening. The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For recorded information, call the Base Theater at 254-7642.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Jarhead (R)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
Chicken Little (G)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
The Legend of Zorro (PG)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
Yours, Mine and Ours (PG)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
The Legend of Zorro (PG)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Chicken Little (G)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
Walk the Line (PG)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

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Bellows for a more relaxing pastime — the art of lei making. Once donned in the floral arrangement of their choosing, it's off to Hawaii's Plantation Village in Waipahu where Domingo Los Banos takes visitors on a historical tour of what was once the sight of a sugar plantation that employed hundreds of thousands of immigrants from Korea, China, Japan, the Philippines, Portugal and Puerto Rico.

Next stop are the white sandy beaches at Shark's Cove on the North Shore near Waimea Bay for swimming, surfing, snorkeling, scuba diving, and just enjoying the heat of the sun. And for those in need of a broader introduction to Oahu, another correspondent went for a tour around the island where he uncovered more about the island's rich history and culture — not to mention its spectacular vistas.

Staying close to nature and providing more hands-on activities, correspondents introduced readers to a Catamaran cruise that took them to remote off-shore locations where they interacted with sea life; and aboard a deep-sea fishing vessel that took them to deep blue waters

where mahimahi were abundant; and on to the Leeward side of the island where the skipper of the Ko Olina took enthusiasts to swim with the dolphins and watch the antics of the whales and sea turtles.

Back on dry land, we catch up with our correspondents as they visit the Bishop Museum to take in the newest attraction — the Baby Dinosaur exhibit. A second trip the following month uncovers an interactive exhibit, Bishop's new Science Adventure Center that features a fully operational, three-level volcano that was modeled after Kilauea volcano's Puu Oo vent on the big island of Hawaii.

Their last trek of the year found the correspondents at the Academy of Arts in downtown Honolulu to witness the result of the museum's \$2 million makeover and the opening of the Western Gallery. On display are art pieces from the Renaissance, Roman, Greek and Ancient Egyptian time periods.

It matters little whether you are new to the island or have been here awhile, our correspondents hope that their coverage of Oahu has met with your approval, and they look forward to continuing their island-wide trek this year in search of fun, features, entertainment and information.

For those interested in reading more about any or all of these trips and visits, log on to www.mcbh.usmc.mil by selecting the Hawaii Marine link and choose any of the weekly issues for the year 2005.



Kristin Herrick

Banana Boat riders fall all over each other as they are flung around a turn in Koko Marina. The Banana Boat only goes 15 mph, but with the driver making sharp turns, visitors to Hawaii Water Sports can be tossed around easily.



Aloha Tower, constructed at the turn of the century, was originally established as a place for the then booming sailing community; however, with the improvement in technology and the introduction of the aircraft, it has transformed into a source of entertainment and shopping for thousands of Oahu visitors each year.

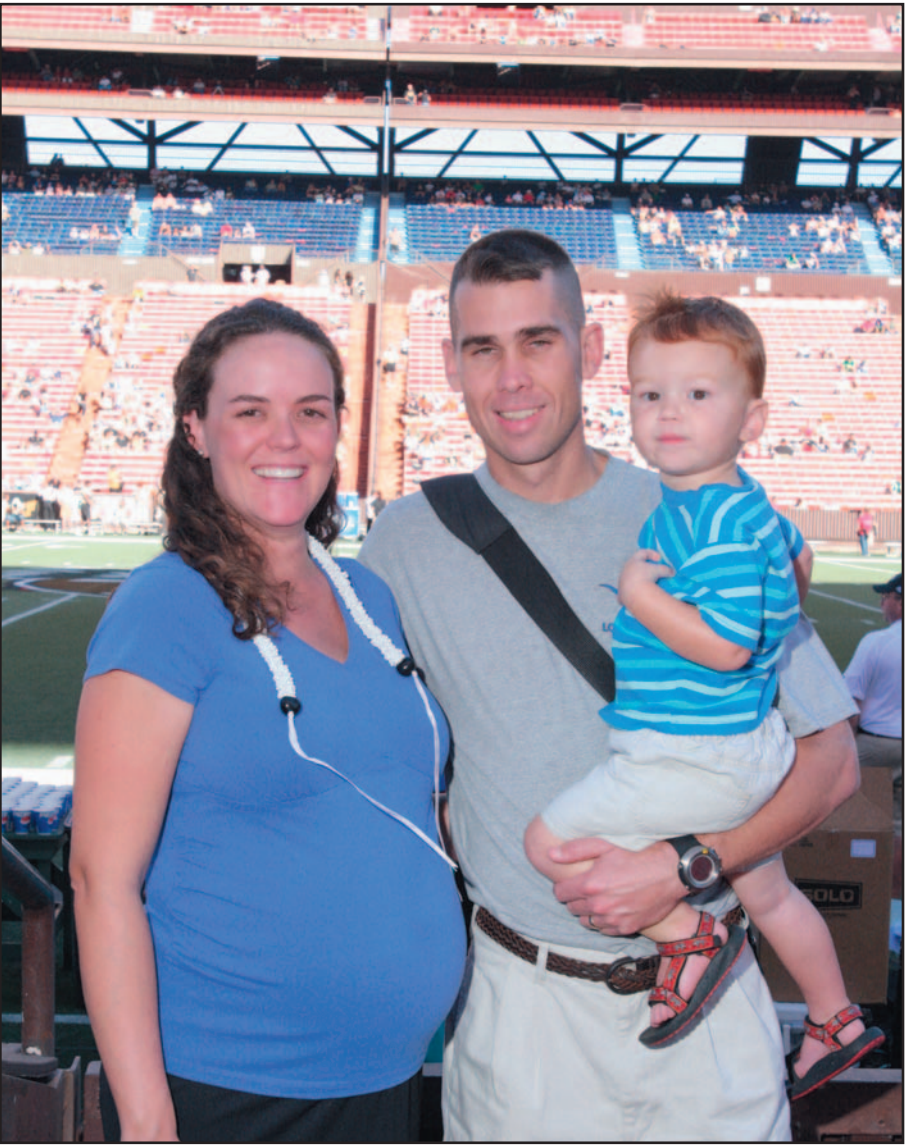
Susana Choy



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

This scale-replica of the treasured Japanese Byodo-In Temple in Uji, Japan, is a hidden treasure nestled deep within the Valley of the Temples on the Windward side. Though it is a Buddhist temple, people of all religions are welcome and encouraged to visit.

Pre-game honors



Cpl. Rich Mattingly

Roni Richards and her husband, Capt. Philip Richards, a pilot assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, and their 2-year-old son, Max, pose for a post-ceremony photograph after Roni was named Navy League's Key Spouse Honoree from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Roni, Key Volunteer coordinator for HMMH-463, has been involved in the Key Volunteer Program for several years. Prior to the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl game, Dec. 24, 2005, Roni was presented with a plaque and a check for \$1,000.

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Appliances

Used Kenmore Washer and Dryer, excellent condition, \$150 for both or negotiable price if sold separately; Kenmore microwave, excellent condition, \$50; Kenmore refrigerator, good condition, \$50. Call 590-8335 or 263-2412.

Automobiles

1999 Mercedes Benz E320, 5,000 miles, white with gray interior, excellent condition, 13 months left of transferable extended warranty, \$18,000. Call 262-7953.

1999 Nissan Altima, automatic, good condition, \$3,200, or best offer. Call 351-5132.

Furniture

Leather couch and love seat, great condition, \$300, OBO; bunk beds with mattresses, \$100, OBO; kitchen table with chairs, \$100, OBO; patio furniture and miscellaneous items, best offer. Call 351-5132.

Solid pine coffee table with two end tables, 3 months old, in excellent condition. Asking \$150, firm. Call 254-0085.

Ads are accepted from active duty and retired military personnel, their family members and MCB Hawaii civil service employees.

Ads are free, but should consist of no more than 20 words. Ads will appear in two issues of the Hawaii Marine, on a space available basis. Those interested in advertising must bring a valid DoD-issued ID to the Hawaii Marine office.

The deadline for submitting ads to the Hawaii Marine is 4 p.m. the Friday of the week prior to publication.

Forms may be filled out Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office, located in Building 216 aboard Kaneohe Bay.

Ads are run on a first-come, first-served basis.

To renew an ad or for more information, call the Hawaii Marine office at 257-8837 or 257-8835.

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ON THE MENU

AT ANDERSON HALL

Today

Lunch

Beef Ball Stroganoff
Baked Fish Filets
Macaroni and Cheese
Garlic Roasted Potato Wedges
Mixed Vegetables
Lyonnaise Carrots
Cream Gravy
Raisin Drop Cookies
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Tacos
Chicken Enchiladas
Chili Conquistador
Burritos
Refried Beans
Mexican Rice
Mexican Corn
Green Beans Creole
Taco Sauce
Raisin Drop Cookies
Fruit Pies

Saturday

Dinner

Roast Turkey
Chicken Cordon Blue
Mashed Potatoes
Boiled Egg Noodles
Simmered Broccoli
Simmered Succotash
Chicken Gravy
Spice Cake
w/ Lemon Cream
Frosting
Sugar Cookies
Fruit Pies

Sunday

Dinner

Swiss Steak
w/Mushroom Gravy
Glazed Rock Cornish Hens
Rice Pilaf
Corn Bread Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Southern Style Green Beans
Simmered Corn
Brown Gravy
Fruit Pies
Yellow Cake
w/ Butter Cream
Frosting

Monday

Lunch

Beef Stew
Baked Fish Fillets
Baked Macaroni and Cheese
Steamed Rice
French Fried Okra
Buttered Corn
Cream Gravy
Oatmeal Cookies
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Italian Veal Steaks
Braised Pork Chops
O'Brien Potatoes
Peas w/onions
Steamed Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Mushroom Gravy
Oatmeal Cookies
Fruit Pies

Tuesday

Lunch

Chicken Parmesan
Cajun Fish Fillet
Steamed Rice
Boiled Egg Noodles
Simmered Corn
Simmered Asparagus
Tomato Gravy
Oatmeal Raisin
Cookies
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Southern Fried
Chicken
Beef Ball Stroganoff
Parsley Buttered
Potatoes
Boiled Egg Noodles
Simmered Pinto Beans
Club Spinach
Chicken Gravy
Oatmeal Raisin
Cookies
Fruit Pies

Wednesday

Lunch

Chili Macaroni
Roast Turkey
Grilled Cheese
Sandwich
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Simmered Succotash
Turkey Gravy
Brownies
Fruit Pie

Dinner

Meat Loaf
Pork Ham Roast
Mashed Potatoes
Tossed Green Rice
Cauliflower Combo
Broccoli w/cheese sauce
Brown Gravy w/ Mushrooms
Brownies
Fruit Pies

Thursday

Lunch

Salisbury Steak
Barbecue Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Oven Browned
Potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Simmered Peas and Carrots
Brown Gravy
White Cake
w/Lemon Cream
Frosting
Apple Cobbler
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Beef Yakisoba
Orange Chicken
Fried Rice
Steamed Rice
Simmered Broccoli
Fried Cabbage
w/Bacon
Chicken Gravy
White Cake
w/Lemon Cream
Frosting
Apple Cobbler
Fruit Pies

